

we can devote both selection and preparation of such materials.

I cannot but believe, Dear Sir, that the statements now made will be a sufficient apology for not inserting, according to your request, the communication forwarded by you, and for the general principles in which our Herald is conducted.

Very respectfully & truly yours,

David Greene.

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Respecting the propriety of publishing any thing
in the ~~Herald~~ relating to colonization on the coast of
Africa, I would simply remark, that our practice has
been for many years to notice briefly the most im-
portant proceedings of ~~all~~ all religious & benevolent
societies in the United States, conducted by those de-
nominations of Christians usually called evangel-
ical, whose field of patronage or of operation
was so extensive as to render their proceedings gen-
erally interesting to the readers of our work. Our
object in this has been to render the

~~Herald~~ valuable for reference in re-
gard to the statistics of such societies.

We are not in the habit of expressing any opin-
ion, either favorable or unfavorable relative to
the statements which are inserted, but follow
the language of the documents from which
we take them, as nearly as practicable, and without
remarks. Of course the regularity and fullness
with which the statistics of societies are given must
depend on the readiness with which ~~we can~~ authen-
tic documents can be obtained, the room which
can be spared for them, and the time which

is to what their agents state, leaving the responsibility in regard to ~~our~~ correctness with them. But it would be quite ~~unavoidable~~ inconsistent with the principles on which we have hitherto proceeded, to publish in our work the statements of a private letter writer, who has no public character to ~~sustain~~ maintain & no public responsibility resting on him; and we could not do it, without involving ourselves in controversies, and filling the Herald with contradictory statements on almost all subjects. Ought we to insert all the letters written by foreign residents and visitors at the Society on the Sandwich Islands, contradicting the statements published by ~~our~~ the London Missionary Society or our Board, respecting the progress of the Gospel there?

I would just add, that we are expecting communications from Mr. Wilson, our Missionary at Cape Palmas, by the first arrival from that coast; and we shall, of course, publish whatever he shall write respecting the country, which it may be interesting to the public to know.

Missionary Room, Boston;
March 18th, 1835.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

New York.

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Dear Sir, Your favor of the 9th inst.,
addressed to Mr. Anderson, came to hand on the 16th.
In the absence of Mr. A. I must reply very briefly, as
I am much pressed with other duties.

You will perceive, on looking over our ~~stated~~
atd, that our rule, in noticing the proceedings
of various societies, whether foreign or domestic, ^{is} ei-
ther to take from the official documents of the so-
cial societies, or, from such communications as
the known agents of those societies have appeared
to ^{= myself = say, Herald.} the responsibility of publishing. We never ~~insert~~
insert any notice respecting the Bible Society,
for example, except what that society, through
its known agents, has published. So we deal
with all societies; and so we must deal with
them, unless we ~~will~~ undertake the task of search-
ing out the correctness of the official statements
made respecting their proceedings. We simply reg-